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SUBJ: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S MARCH 5 MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
BOUMEDIENE.

1. MEXICO CITY PRESS PUBLISHED TEXT OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S
MARCH 5 MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE. ECHEVERRIA PRAISED
BOUMEDIENE BOTH FOR HIS STANCE AT THE ALGIERS OPEC CONFERENCE
AND FOR ALGERIA'S CONSISTENCY IN ARGUING THAT THE ISSUE OF
PRIMARY PRODUCTS CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE GENERAL PROBLEMS OF
DEVELOPMENT - A VIEW WHICH MEXICO HAS ALSO CONSISTENTLY SUPP-
ORTED.

2. ECHEVERRIA REITERATED HIS ARGUMENT (PREVIOUSLY MADE AT
THE FAO CONFERENCE IN ROME) THAT THE OPEC NATIONS ARE MORALLY
OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF AID TO THE REST
OF THE THIRD WORLD OR THEY IN EFFECT WILL BE ABANDONING THE
THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT: "MEXICO HAS EXPRESSED, IN DIVERSE FORUMS,
ITS CONVICTION THAT OUR NATIONS SHOULD NOT COMMIT THE OLD ERRORS
OF THE IMPERIALISTS NOR REPEAT, ON A SMALLER SCALE, THE COLONIAL-
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IST MODELS WHICH HAVE BROUGHT ON THE CURRENT CRISIS. WE ARE

STRUGGLING FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WHICH BENEFIT THE PEOPLES WHO ARE PERISHING FOR LACK OF FOOD. WE BELIEVE THAT IF THE NATIONS WHICH NOW HAVE ABUNDANT RESOURCES AS A RESULT OF THE SALE OF PETROLEUM DO NOT ACT IN SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE WHICH ARE MUCH POORER, THEY WILL BE FORMING, IN EFFECT, A FOURTH WORLD THUS UNDERMINING THE HOPES AND STRENGTH OF THE PEOPLES WHO SUFFER FROM THE VICIOUS CIRCLE OF UNDER-DEVELOPMENT".

3. COMMENT: SINCE ECHEVERRIA WILL PROBABLY LOSE AS MUCH FAVOR IN OPEC RANKS AS HE WINS ELSEWHERE IN THE THIRD WORLD, IT APPEARS THAT HIS CALL FOR THE USE OF OIL MONEY TO AID LESS FORTUNATE THIRD WORLD NATIONS STEMS MORE FROM CONVICTION THAN POLITICAL MOTIVATION (I.E. TO ENHANCE HIS OR MEXICO'S POSITION AS A THIRD WORLD LEADER).
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